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"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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## SAVED BY THE BLOOD

The Church of God Honors The Blood of Jesus For What it Was Shed.

### JESUS OUR SAVIOR AND LORD.

Even if some do say that the blood of Jesus is no more than the blood of any other man, we have found it of great worth. As far back as in the days of the writer of Hebrews referring to the law of Moses it was said that "without shedding of blood is no remission." (Heb. 9:23.)

The shedding of the blood of animals under the law was only typical of the shedding of the blood of Jesus for the remission of our sins. Of the shedding of His own blood Jesus said, "For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins." (Mat. 26:28.) Because of this and other Scriptures we conclude it is not wrong to say, Saved by the Blood.

This same thought is expressed by Jesus when He was instructing His disciples before they reached Jerusalem with Him for the last time before the crucifixion. He said, "The Son of man came \* \* \* to give his life a ransom for many." (Mat. 20:28.) This does not specially mention the blood, but He said, "Give his life," and "the blood is the life" so it is practically saying that His blood would be shed as a ransom for many."

In discussing the question of salvation through Jesus Paul says, "Christ died for the ungodly." And further on in his discussion he says, "While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." These expressions imply that His blood was shed. This can be illustrated in the following manner, viz. A man was enraged at another and determined to slay him. A third ran in between the contending parties and warded off the blows from the one he loved permitting the fury of the adversary to be spent on him. Although he was slain in the struggle he saved the life of the other by permitting him to escape while he stood in the way. In this way his blood was shed for the one he loved.

While Satan was contending with us and determined to drag the whole human race to hell, Jesus loved us so well that He ran in between and received the blows that took His precious life, and caused His blood to flow from His veins. This is what Paul means when he says, "While we were yet sinners Christ died for us." (Rom. 5:8.)

These verses show that Jesus died both for the ungodly and sinners, while the ungodly were yet ungodly and the sinners were yet sinners. This does not say that He did not forgive sins in a few instances while He was on the earth before He died, but it does say that He died for the ungodly while they were still in their state of ungodliness, and also for the sinners while they were yet in their sins. (Rom. 5:6,8.) After having considered the above Scriptures we conclude we are not wrong by saying we are saved by the blood. But to make this point still clearer call attention to the following verse which specially mentions the blood as a means of salvation. After having passed over on the other side and recognized some of the benefits derived from the death of Christ

tainly shows there is power in the blood.

In referring to the power of the blood to change and make new those who trust in it Peter says, "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot." (1 Peter 1:18,19.)

After Paul shows we have redemption through the blood of Christ, and he explains that this redemption is the forgiveness of sins, he swings away over into the unknown and says, "Having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled in the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreprovable in his sight." (Col. 1:20-22.) And this all done "through the blood of his cross."

This now brings us to another phase of the subject that is necessary to cover in order to honor the blood as we wish.

In dealing with salvation and cleansing we are told by John that if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." (1 John 1:7.) The same thought is presented by the writer of Hebrews where he says, "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate." (Heb. 13:12.)

Now, the above Scriptures make it clear that we are sanctified by the blood of Jesus, as this precious blood was shed outside the gate for that purpose, but I wish to emphasize this part of the subject because it is sometimes neglected. In giving further instructions about the power of the blood to sanctify, the writer says, "By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all."

From the fact of His body being made an offering shows that His blood was shed, so this is more proof of the sanctifying power of the blood. Further on down in the chapter the writer plainly shows it is by the blood when he says, "Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus." (Heb. 10:19.)

Before leaving this part of the subject we wish to give a comparison given at Hebrews 9:13,14. "For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ (sanctify and purify), who through the eternal Spirit, offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"

The types and shadows of the law, and all of the teachings of both the Old and New Testaments, place special emphasis on the sacredness and power of the blood of Jesus. Well might the poet sing:

"By Jesus' precious blood we're saved from sin,  
Which flowed on Calvary's brow;  
It washes me and makes me pure within;  
I feel its cleansing now."

The Church of God honors the blood of Jesus for what it was

shed, and we have plainly seen by the above discussion that the blood was shed to save from sin and sanctify wholly. We honor and recognize Jesus our Savior and Lord as having by the shedding of His blood obtained eternal inheritance for us.

There is another feature concerning the value of the blood that we do not want to overlook here. It is the purchase of the Church with the blood. The Church must be very dear to the Lord or He would not have inspired so much written about it. When Paul called the elders of the Church at Ephesus to him at Miletus he gave them some special instructions. During his discourse he stated that he had not shunned to declare to them all the counsel of God and added thus, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the Church of God, which he hath purchased with His own blood." (Acts 20:28.) This is to say that the Lord purchased the Church and the price He paid for it was His own blood. When we look at it in this light it surely makes the Church seem dearer to us than ever.

Paul at Ephesians (5:25) said Jesus gave Himself for the Church, but here in Acts he states plainly that it was the blood of our precious Lord that was given as a purchase price. Oh, how I love the Church this moment! I have loved it for years, but I seem to love it better now as I think of it having been purchased with the precious blood of Jesus.

I wonder how people can speak lightly of the ever blessed Church of God, or ignore it, when it is so valuable in the sight of the Lord that He gave His blood as a purchase price for it. I feel like speaking of it in more endearing terms, and with more reverence than ever. It is not so much of a wonder that Paul wrote of it as the body of Christ when it was purchased by Him at such a cost. He must have esteemed it of more value than His own precious blood or He certainly would not have given His blood in exchange for it.

I wish I could have language at my command sufficient to encourage the people to place a higher estimate on the value of the dear and blessed Church of God for which the chief jewel of heaven gave His life's blood. (Eph. 5:25.) I believe it is worth more than we know. No doubt each member is worth more to the Lord than we are able to comprehend. If we only knew the value of that precious blood we might be better able to understand.

Peter must have had some knowledge of its worth when he referred to it as "the precious blood of Christ" that redeemed us from the fall and vanity of common life. If the blood is so precious then what could the Church be but more precious, when He has purchased it with His own blood. (Acts 20:28.)

We cannot at this time continue this subject further, and tell of healing for our bodies, the blessings of life, and the glories of heaven that await us, all because of the precious blood of Jesus that was shed so freely for us. We conclude by repeating that the great Church of God honors the blood for all that it means, whether its members fully comprehend it or not. The blood, the blood, the precious blood of Christ.

## EARNESTNESS AND ENTHUSIASM

This is no Time to be Forgetful or Neglectful of Duty.

### WE HAVE TO WORK HARD OR DO NO GOOD.

One of the best tributaries to the Church is the Sunday school, but it always takes much earnestness and enthusiasm on the part of the workers to have a good interesting Sunday school.

I have been much surprised quite recently to learn of some of our churches that do not maintain a Sunday school. I wonder how they live. What do they hope for if the children are neglected? We acknowledge that Timothy received much of his training and teaching from his mother and grandmother, but very few children will receive such training in these days if they do not get it in the Sunday school.

Paul said of Timothy that the Bible knowledge he had received in his childhood days from his parents made him wise unto salvation. He knew so much about the Bible that when Paul presented to him the gospel he was ready to accept it and became a Christian at once, and was soon called into the ministry with Paul.

I remember distinctly of conducting a revival several years ago where some of the more zealous lovers of the Lord in the neighborhood were conducting a small Sunday school. The Sunday school scholars were the first to be saved, and when they were all saved it was very hard to reach others, and there was but very little more done. I used to notice this very frequently when I was in revival work. The Sunday school scholars seem to be more ready, like Timothy to accept salvation when the preacher comes.

It takes earnestness and enthusiasm to run a Sunday school successfully, but I would not give much for a neighborhood or village that does not try to have a Sunday school of some kind. And if there are places that do not have people of earnestness and enthusiasm, well, I would not want to make such place my home. I have said I could not stay at a place long if I could not have a Sunday school. I feel exactly that way about it yet.

And I am afraid a person is not a very good church member if he does not have earnestness and enthusiasm. And I think such earnest and enthusiastic people will usually take more or less interest in Sunday school in proportion to their opportunity and ability.

With all the religious work there is to do, and the millions of souls that are dropping into hell, there is no time to be forgetful or neglectful of duty. James says be not forgetful, and the writer of Hebrews says do not be neglectful, and I say, Do not be forgetful or neglectful either.

The governments are calling for more men to go to the front to fight, suffer, and die for their country. God is calling for more men and women, too, to go to the front in the work of the gospel and suffer hardships, and die for Jesus' sake. The governments want men of earnestness and enthusiasm, and so does the Lord want men of the same stripe, except He wants those that are full of the Holy Ghost besides.

The Sunday school is a kind of an army camp where the children are trained up to be good soldiers of Jesus Christ later on in life.

There is a great difference in children that are trained in Sunday school and those that are not. Those who are trained in Sunday school know how to reverence the Bible and kneel down when the older people pray, but usually those who are left to grow up without such training know nothing about respecting the house of God and showing reverence to the good old Book when it is read.

It takes earnestness and enthusiasm to pay tithes, and offerings besides. Without this people will become forgetful, and neglect their duty, and fail to receive the blessings God has promised those that are faithful. The enemy of souls is busy trying to get people to forget and neglect their duty. I am sorry to know he is successful in many instances, but there are many earnest and enthusiastic Christians that are stirring up those who seem to become less earnest and therefore he is defeated many, many times in his cunning attempts to lull the people to sleep.

With all the oppositions there are to real Christianity we have to work hard or do no good. Quite recently I heard some one say that they were holding religious services on the battle fields in France under the bursting of shells, and while severe fighting was in progress. If they can do that, surely we ought to endure almost anything and still work right on in our Sunday schools and meetings.

How members can stay out of services is a mystery to me unless they are forced to do so by something they cannot control. But to merely stay away when they could go if they only had a little more earnestness and enthusiasm it seems to me is a sin that will have to be repented of if they ever get to heaven.

Some one has said we are "saved to serve." There is certainly much truth in this. While God may not save us merely to get us to serve, yet He evidently expects us to serve when we are saved, and if we will not serve we are of no benefit to Him.

And people are but little benefit in the Lord's work if they do not have enough earnestness and enthusiasm to attend the regular services for worship, pay their tithes and offerings, and lend their assistance some way in the Sunday school.

I wish to repeat that we have to work hard or do no good. Not that the work is hard in the way of being unpleasant, but although it is enjoyable it is really hard work to do it well.

Some people remind me of a team I used to plow. When I started in with them in the spring of the year they were full of life and the first few rounds they would about run the legs off of me to keep up with them, but they were soon dripping with sweat and blowing so that I had to stop and let them rest a long time. Some people become enthused and run out into the service a few weeks and then have to stop a long time and cool off.

But this is not the best way. When Elisha started he burned his plow and slew and boiled his oxen and it is not known that he ever went back to the plow or drove another yoke of oxen.

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Reports show that God is giving  
gracious revivals and out-  
pourings of the Holy Ghost.

There are many indications  
that the tide of Pentecostal glory  
is still rising, and that the Church  
of God is shining brighter.

We have decided to open the  
Bible Training School immediately  
after the Assembly. Those  
who expect to attend should  
make preparations to enter the  
very first day.

We expect to have a sufficient  
supply of Sunday school litera-  
ture to supply the demand for  
next quarter, and it is almost  
time to place your orders. It is  
very encouraging and gratifying  
to know the Sunday school work  
is receiving so much attention  
and growing so rapidly.

Do nothing you would not want  
the Lord to find you doing when  
He comes. Engage in no conver-  
sation you would not want Him  
to hear. The judgment is before  
you and you will have to give  
account to God for every  
wrong act and every idle word.

A brief note from Brother J. S.  
Llewellyn states he arrived on  
the island of Jamaica about the  
tenth of May. Following are a  
few words from his hand, viz:  
"Well, safe and sound in Jamaica.  
Good time yesterday; God  
blest in a wonderful way. One  
received the Holy Ghost in the  
first service. Can't tell what  
the final results will be."

In closing his letter accompa-  
nying a nice list of subscriptions,  
and order for one hundred fans,  
Brother Hopkins says, "May the  
Lord prosper and keep the Evan-  
gel office force in health." We  
very much appreciate such good  
wishes and prayers. We do not  
have the privilege of vacations,  
holidays, or rest spells, because  
it takes all our time to keep the  
business going to keep from dis-  
appointing our large family of  
readers. We want to bless others  
whether we have any rest or  
not. Of course we must have  
health or fail. Thank God for  
the way He blesses us in this re-  
spect.

Remember we are preparing a  
Junior quarterly again for the  
coming quarter. The demand  
for this quarterly so far sur-  
passed our expectation that we  
did not have enough to anything  
like supply the demand, but come  
on with your orders, we will do  
better the next time.

We would like to send the "hot

weather fans" out free, but we  
are not able to do this, so we  
have placed a very small price  
on them when they are ordered  
by the quantity. This will help  
us pay postage and a part of the  
original cost. I suppose these  
are the only "gospel fans" in  
existence. I never saw nor heard  
of anything like them. Order a  
quantity and in this way help us  
publish the gospel. They are to  
give away like tracts, although  
there are no objections to selling  
them. We have filled one order  
of 500. Several have ordered 100.  
Come on it is hot weather now,  
and this is the time to fan, and  
why not get people to fan with  
a fan covered with the gospel in-  
stead of other ornaments?

Remember that Home Mission-  
ary day is Sunday June 9. Make  
your announcements before hand so all will know  
when it is coming so they will  
go prepared for the good time  
of contributing to such an im-  
portant fund.

Do not forget to help us roll up  
the subscriptions. We are grad-  
ually climbing toward the ten  
thousand mark, 9,000 this week,  
but we must not let it stop there.  
If we stop now we will never  
reach it. But we are not going  
to stop. If fancy I hear many en-  
thusiastic workers say. We will  
not stop. We will try a little  
harder rather than submit to de-  
feat. We must have the ten  
thousand. Any time you want  
more subscription blanks and ex-  
tra copies you only have to drop  
us a card and tell us where to  
send them.

Pulaski, Va.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to praise God for Jesus.  
I am so glad I am still saved and  
sanctified and filled with the  
Holy Ghost and on the battlefield  
for Jesus.

We began a revival here in  
Pulaski four weeks ago and it is  
still going on. Several have been  
saved, sanctified and filled with  
the Holy Ghost. Thirteen have  
baptized in water and there are  
others to follow. The meeting  
is getting better all the time.

Friends, let us do our best for  
Jesus. I feel the "go ye" burn-  
ing in my soul. Glory!

Please pray for me that I may be  
faithful unto the end.

Yours in Jesus,  
Arthur Fortner.

Berea, Ky.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All  
the Dear Saints:

May God bless you all.  
Praise God, I am still "one of  
them" and by the grace of God  
I mean to go through. Jesus is  
coming soon and I want a home  
in heaven where there is no  
trouble but all is peace.

I want to do more for my Je-  
sus. By His help I mean to go  
and tell people to get ready to  
meet Him.

Six years ago God put me on  
the run for heaven and I started  
to walk in all the light. I de-  
sire your prayers that I may be  
a soul winner.

Your brother,  
Jim Wylie.

Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I do praise the Lord this morn-  
ing for salvation through the pre-  
cious blood of Jesus. He bap-  
tized me with the Holy Ghost  
more than a year ago and I am  
still in the way that leads to life  
eternal.

Jesus is my healer. He has  
healed me many times. Oh! how  
I do want to be a light for Him.  
He has done so much for me.

Please pray that we may have  
church established here. These  
people need the gospel.

Your sister in Christ,  
Mrs. Hattie Edwards.

Notice.

Anyone wishing a tent meet-  
ing write C. C. Walker or W.  
R. Messer, McCall, S. C.

Catchings, Miss.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and  
Saints Throughout the World:  
I praise God this morning for  
victory over sin. Nearly six  
years ago the Lord wonderfully  
saved me from my sins, sancti-  
fied my soul and filled me with  
the Holy Ghost. The fire of  
God's love is still burning in my  
soul. I know I have a greater  
determination to go through  
than ever before. My heart  
yearns to do His will in every-  
thing.

The Lord revealed His church  
to me and I accepted the light  
and was added to it.

I trust God for my healing.  
Since He saved me I have never  
taken any medicine nor given  
any to our children. The Lord  
heals us when we get sick.  
Praise His name forever! I am  
earnestly contending for the  
faith and power once delivered  
unto the saints.

I praise the Lord for the way  
He is working in these last days.  
On May 15, my husband, Sister  
Tucker and myself were called  
to Colby for a few days meeting.  
The Lord met with us in power.  
He certainly confirmed the Word  
with signs following. Two were  
saved, sanctified and baptized  
with the Holy Ghost and fire.

One lady who had never seen  
the power of God manifested,  
lay under the power for two  
hours and the Spirit would speak  
through her. Sinners were con-  
vinced of God's power.

On Sunday evening three fol-  
lowed the Lord in water bap-  
tism. It was blessed to see  
them as they marched hand in  
hand into the water praising  
and glorifying God. The hearts  
of people were broken up by it.

The first person Brother Cook  
ever baptized was dear grand-  
mother Miller, sixty-five years of  
age. She certainly shouted under  
the power of God and made  
the water ripple.

At this place the sick were  
healed by the mighty power of  
God.

The Lord met with us last  
night at our regular service at  
Colby. The house was crowded.  
The saints rejoiced and spoke  
in tongues as the Spirit gave ut-  
terance. Many came forward  
for prayer.

Pray much for us at this place  
that we may be used of the Lord  
in winning souls.

We would be glad for Brother  
Mullen to come back again, or  
some one who feels led of the  
Lord.

Please have a special prayer  
for our little boy, who has a  
growth on his neck, that God  
may be glorified in healing him.

Your bloodwashed sister,

Mrs. G. T. Cook.

Center Hill, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God for salva-  
tion through the precious blood  
of Jesus. I have the victory in  
my soul. Praise His dear name!

I praise Him for forgiving my  
sins, sanctifying and baptizing  
me with the Holy Ghost. I  
praise Him for the way He keeps  
me and heals my body. Praise  
His precious name!

Oh, how my soul goes out for  
lost souls! I am so anxious to  
do something for Jesus. I am  
looking for His appearing.

Your sister,

Minnie Morgan.

Tate, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am thanking God for saving  
and sanctifying and baptizing  
me with the Holy Ghost with the  
Bible evidence of speaking in  
other tongues.

I praise the Lord for sending  
Brother and Sister Rembert to  
preach for us.

I request the saints to pray  
that God will give us a gracious  
revival.

Your brother,

John N. Adams.

Empire, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God for salvation  
through the precious blood of Je-  
sus. I praise Him for victory in  
my soul. Glory to God!

I am so glad the Lord sent  
Brother Simpson here to preach  
the truth as it is laid down in  
the Bible and I accepted it and  
about two years ago I was saved,  
sanctified and baptized with the  
Holy Ghost and spoke in tongues  
as the Spirit gave utterance.  
Glory to God!

I praise the Lord for the won-  
derful meeting He gave us Sun-  
day night. The Spirit of the  
Lord was poured out upon us.  
One was added to the church  
God's children at this place are  
still pressing on. We praise  
Him for His goodness and kind-  
ness to us.

Millie Hill.

Crossville, Ala.

Dear Saints of God:

I am so glad to tell you I have  
the victory over sin and the  
devil. I am saved, sanctified  
and baptized with the Holy  
Ghost and fire. Glory to God!  
The Holy Ghost speaks at His  
will.

I believe I am wholly given  
up to Jesus. Oh, I am so happy  
in this way! He healeth all my  
diseases and I trust Him for my  
little children. This is a victo-  
rious way. He carries all my  
burdens. The load gets too  
heavy for me sometimes and I  
just give it to Jesus. My heart  
was nearly broken when my two  
boys were taken to the army,  
but Jesus whispered, "Cast all  
your care upon me." This I  
quickly did.

I am so glad I have the blessed  
Comforter in these perilous  
times. He has taught me so  
many things that I could have  
never known without Him. He  
is calling me deeper and deeper  
into His will.

I want the children of God to  
pray for me. There is not  
another Pentecostal person near  
me. I want to help in spreading  
this glorious gospel of the  
kingdom. I can't do much—there  
are things to hinder. I desire  
your prayers that I may have my  
freedom if it is His will.

With the Holy Ghost as teacher  
I will live so I can meet you  
all in the air. Then I can shout  
and praise Him forever and ever  
and have a part in crowning  
Him King of kings and Lord of  
lords.

I do want to do something to  
help people get salvation. I do  
love the precious people. They  
do not know what they are miss-  
ing. They have heard false re-  
ports about the Holiness people  
and having never heard it  
preached they haven't much  
chance. I do wish some good  
minister who is really filled with  
the Holy Ghost would come here  
and hold a tent meeting. I am  
ready to do anything God wants  
me to do.

With love for a lost world,  
Mrs. W. F. Maynor.

Flatwood, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I praise the Lord for what He  
is to me. I praise Him for this  
great salvation. I am saved and  
cleansed and filled with the  
Holy Ghost. God is so good to  
me. Praise His blessed name!

I want to be ready when Jesus  
comes or calls. I want to go  
sweeping through the pearly  
gates and be with Jesus.

I feel that I am the least of  
all God's children but I do  
want to do something to help  
people to get saved.

How my heart goes out for  
more of the love of Jesus as I  
see the end approaching. I  
truly believe that this is the be-  
ginning of sorrows. May God  
help us to lay aside everything  
that would hinder us.

Your brother,

George L. Hadcock.

Sulphur Springs, Texas.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am so anxious to do or say  
something for our soon coming  
King. We are here where there  
are no saints with whom we can  
assemble for worship.

Our son, fourteen years of age,  
has the baptism of the Holy Ghost  
as at Pentecost. He is the only  
one in town so far as I know.  
My husband and I are sanctified  
but have not yet received the  
baptism. We earnestly desire  
the prayers of the saints that we  
may soon receive.

Our son is a member of the  
Church of God at Point, at which  
place he received the Holy Ghost  
last summer. We hope to be  
members soon.

Please help us pray that God  
will send some of the ministers  
of the church to preach the truth  
here. These people have never  
heard it. I am trusting Him to  
send the light to this dark corner.

The Lord is being wonderfully  
good to us in healing our bodies.

Your sister in Christ,

Mrs. Geo. Leavelle.

## West Union, S. C.

To All the Evangel Fam'ly—  
Love and Greetings in Jesus' Name:  
I'm so glad I still have victory over sin. I am trusting God for soul and body. Praise His name forever!

Beloved, "we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye."—1 Cor. 15:51, 52. "Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, (the glorified and risen dead) in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

The time is near when Jesus will come to take out a people for His bride and will give her His name. Yes, we shall be called the Bride, the Lamb's wife. She will be His pride and glory. He will be glorified in her through the ages of the ages. As He presents her in all her beauty, she, in her pride and glory, points to her royal Bridegroom and tells of His wondrous redeeming love.

Yes, the time is at hand. Jesus has given us many signs by which we are to know that His coming is near, even at the door. He said that the wise should know. "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament."—Dan. 12:3. Oh, beloved, are we watching? are we waiting? Will we be ready to escape all the awful things that are coming on the earth?

To many who are looking it will be a day of darkness, no light in it for them. He will come with all the brightness of heaven. The saints will see all His glory and will hear the bells of heaven ringing; they will be caught away, swallowed up in all this brightness and glory.

But the poor lost world will sleep on. So suddenly will these things transpire that they will not know it until too late. Some will realize what has happened when they find that these foolish (?) cranks (?) have disappeared.

Hark! we can almost hear them marshaling the hosts of heaven; we can almost see the banquet. The great preparation is soon coming. Oh, dear reader, will you accept the invitation to the Marriage Supper in the skies? Oh, Glory to God! I will meet you there. "Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb."—Rev. 19:9.

I find myself many times looking and longing for Jesus to come. Oh, may we all be ready when the midnight cry is given to go and reign with Christ on His throne.

Your humble sister,  
Emma Henson.

## East Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Evangel Family:

I want to praise God for what He has done for me during the past ten years. I remember very well how He blessed me and baptized me with the Holy Ghost under the tent—the first to receive the Holy Ghost at Ridgedale. Bless the Lord! He still speaks for Himself; if He didn't I would not be satisfied. I love Him above everything. Praise His name!

I thank God for healing my body. I praise Him for the saints who held me up to Him when I was healed.

I praise the Lord for His keeping power. I feel the fire burning in my soul this morning.

I love the Church of God. I am glad I can have a little place in it.

I desire your prayers that I may stay low and humble at Jesus' feet until He comes or calls.

Your sister,  
M. C. Heard.

## Great Lakes, III

Dear Saints of God and Readers of The Evangel:

I am still saved, sanctified and filled with the mighty Holy Ghost and am still trusting God for soul and body.

I long to be back once more with the true saints of God. One is lonely out in this old world away from people who love the way of the cross, take the Bible as it really is and speak in tongues as the disciples did on the day of Pentecost.

I mean to stick to the Bible ways and to the teaching of the Church of God.

The happiest part of my life has been since I gave my heart and life to God. I have seen some hard times since I left home and I have been tempted and scorned and put through some hard tests, but I bear my burdens with ease because God has led the way for me to escape. Glory! Hallelujah! It is sweet to trust in Jesus and I mean to go all the way with Him by His help, let it cost me my head.

I may have to leave here at any time and I do not know where I shall have to go. I beg you all to pray for me because I want to go to heaven and Satan is doing everything he can to drag me down.

I may never see home again but I hope we shall all meet around the beautiful throne of God where we shall never have to separate again, where there will be no heartaches to bear. Glory to God!

I ask you dear saints to get one subscriber to the Evangel. You have no idea how much help it is to one out in the lost world.

I ask you all to pray for me each day that I may be kept from the evils of this world.

Your unworthy brother,  
G. F. Danehower.

## Greensboro, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am so glad I can report victory through the precious blood of the Lamb. I am so glad that Jesus saved, sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost and He abides this morning.

I have been in this way more than seven years and am more encouraged to press on than ever before.

I trust God for the healing of my body. He has healed me when my friends said I would die if something wasn't done for me. Praise the Lord! He never fails if we trust Him. Thank God for the desire I have in my heart to trust Him to the end.

Sister Parker and I are here at Greensboro where the full gospel has never been preached before. This is one of the little dark corners, but there are some hungry hearts here. People are getting under conviction and want the blessing.

We have met one person who has the Holy Ghost.

We covet the prayers of God's children for the people of this place.

Yours in His service,  
Mamie Walker.

## Carmi, Ill.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God this morning for His goodness to me. Bless His name! Jesus is so near and dear to me.

Last winter I attended the Pentecostal meetings. Brother R. A. Fielden was pastor at that time. I was wonderfully sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. Oh, bless the Lord! The blessing I have received I cannot express.

I was once a member of the Methodist Church, but I am so glad I learned of higher experiences than it taught. Praise God for His wonderful power! I can feel His dear presence while writing.

I mean to go all the way with Jesus. He is all and in all to me. Praise His name!

I ask an interest in your prayers.

Your sister in Christ,  
Metta Ritch.

## Charleston, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greeting in Jesus Name:

I am still shouting the victory. Glory to Jesus!

I praise the Lord for what He is doing for the people out at Union Grove. Twice each week a few saints gather at this place to worship a true and living God.

Two weeks ago the Lord did wonderfully bless in our little prayer meeting. One was saved and one was sanctified. Hallelujah to Jesus!

I praise God for sending Brother McLain out here to give out the Word. I am thankful, too, for Brother Crye and Brother Barrett to preach the gospel to us another year. I feel that they will be a great help to the people at this place.

I desire the prayers of all the saints that I may ever be found doing the Master's will.

Your sister in Christ,  
Nellie Cason.

## Special Notice.

The State Assembly for Ga. is announced to be held during the campmeeting at Bethel, near Melrose, which begins July 1.

The subjects will be given out at the meeting.

There may be some Bishops and Deacons to ordain.

M. S. Lemons,  
Overseer of Gt.

## Morristown, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to sound a note of praise to our dear Lord for healing my eyes. They were in a bad condition, but not too bad for the Lord. Praise His name!

I had the privilege of attending the meeting at Williston. The Lord certainly blessed Sister Shepherd in giving out the Word. I enjoyed being with that happy band.

I have had the baptism of the Holy Ghost eleven months and the way is so sweet to me. I want to become more like Jesus every day.

I desire the prayers of the saints.

Your sister in Christ,  
Mrs. W. C. Lewis.

## Manila, Philippine Islands.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Since I have been in the navy I have received from a sister of the Church of God here in Manila, the light of the baptism of the Holy Ghost with speaking in tongues as the evidence.

I have read some of your articles on the baptism of the Holy Ghost and as I look in the Scriptures I see that it is Scriptural. I desire the prayers of the people that I may receive the baptism. I am honest and want the baptism. I am not writing because I have nothing else to do. I want the power; I am willing to pay the price. I have done all I know to do and I feel that there is nothing between me and the Lord.

Please ask God to show me where I am lacking. I know God is not slack concerning His promises. He saves and sanctifies me just now and I believe I'm near the experience I desire, but there seems to be something hindering. I must have the baptism.

I would be glad to hear from some of the people who have received the Holy Ghost. Telling me their experience would be a great help to me. I want to press on and not give up. Hallelujah! I have the "go through" spirit within me. Glory to Jesus!

Your brother in Christ,  
Clarence Orr.

## Request.

Mrs. Alice Ramsey, of Doona, Alabama, is suffering as a result of lagrippe having settled in her right side and desires prayer for her healing.

## Home Mission Receipts.

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Jess Robison, Ooltewah, Tenn.,	3 00

God that loves them, the Christ that died for them, the precious Holy Ghost who came to comfort them, the one fold into which they are to be gathered and the Chief Shepherd who soon shall appear and give to all the true and faithful a crown of glory that fadeth not away.
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Yours to rescue the perishing,  
J. S. Llewellyn.

## AT REST.

Our esteemed Sister Middlebrooks, wife of T. J. Middlebrooks, of Atlanta, Georgia, departed this life May 11, 1918.

Sister Middlebrooks received the Holy Ghost years ago. Recently she became a member of the Church of God and was delighted with it.

On Saturday night she was attending a meeting at the home of Brother D. N. Baldwin. The meeting had gotten into full way and the testimonies were ringing out. Among others, Sister Middlebrook testified with the usual ring. The power of the Lord came upon her and she rejoiced in Him. Some seem to think death struck her while standing on the floor, anyway she had crossed over in about twenty minutes after she had given her last and dying testimony for Him whom she loved so well.

She was apparently well when she left home and went into the meeting with the same zeal as ever before.

A husband, one son, three daughters and a host of friends are left to mourn her loss, but we feel sure that she is rejoicing with the happy millions on the other shining shore.

A home over there with the shining ones  
Is far better than one under the sun.

A happy reception will surely be given  
To all who enter the gates of heaven.

"She will be waiting,  
Having met all the friends,  
For the balance of the family  
When their pilgrimage ends.

Long cherished hopes  
And songs of delight  
With radiance and sweetness  
Will then be lost in sight.

M. S. Lemons.

Another home made sad while the angels were rejoicing that another had come to that city where no sorrow, sadness, sickness, or death can ever enter—no unclean thing, yea, none but those who have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb and whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

We weep not as those who have no hope, for we know that Sister Middlebrooks is not dead, but liveth forever. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: yea saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

Weep not dear husband and children for your loss is heaven's gain and if you continue faithful unto the end you will meet mother again in that city where no parting ever comes, no weeping nor sadness, but joy and gladness peace, love and eternal life remains while the cycles of eternity roll on. You will rejoice with mother and all the blood-washed saints forever and ever in the presence of our Lord and King.

Weep not dear husband,  
But rather rejoice;  
For Jesus is calling  
Oh! hear His sweet voice.  
The time will soon come  
And you must obey,  
The voice of the angel  
Is calling each day.

Weep not dear children,  
Get ready to go  
And meet dear mother  
Who is gone from below.

She is anxiously waiting  
For you up there

That you may be with her  
And her glory you'll share.

Weep not dear friends,  
Get ready and obey,  
The voice of Jesus  
Is calling today.

The time will soon come  
And you'll bid all adieu,  
The angel of death  
Will be calling for you.

## Birchwood, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to praise the Lord for the way He keeps me. I am so glad I feel no condemnation in my heart. I have a greater determination to press on than ever before.

I am a member of the Church of God and I desire the saints of God to pray for me that I may receive the Holy Ghost, that I may be able to overcome all the temptations with which I come in contact.

The Lord says that if we love Him we will keep His commandments that we love one another even as He has loved us. I want to obey every command that I may be able to trust Him for His promises to His children.

Your brother,  
A. J. Hixon.

## Moor Haven, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greetings in Jesus Name:

I am still saved and filled with the blessed Holy Ghost. I am feeling just as good today as I did at the camp meeting when I received the experience. This is a holy and a sweet way.

Jesus has taught us that not every one that saith Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but they that do His Father's will. Please pray that I may stay in the center of God's will that He may say, "Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

Your brother in Christ,  
Samuel C. James.

## Request.

Mrs. L. J. Byrd of Brunswick, Ga., is suffering as a result of cold having settled in her throat and left lung, and with kidney trouble also. She desires the prayers of the saints for her healing.

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL.

**Great Meeting at Dora, Ala.**

The revival at Dora Alabama began May 4, 1918. Brother W. F. Bryant and Brother Luther Richard were called to assist the pastor, T. A. Richard.

As they began to preach the Word the saints began to go down under the burden for lost souls for nineteen days and God did wonderfully move upon the people. The altar was crowded with earnest seekers at every service.

Multitudes attended the services, insomuch that the building could not accommodate them and there was such conviction that people on the outside fell crying and calling for prayer. Saints were called out of the house to pray for penitent souls.

People came from two to four hundred miles to receive the Holy Ghost and they were not disappointed for we heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. Praise our God!

God honored the Word given out so faithfully by these servants of God. Some times there was holy quietness then praises burst forth as a storm, some dancing and leaping for joy, others talking in tongues. Many were saved and sanctified and twenty-nine were wonderfully baptized with the Holy Ghost. Many sick people were healed. The saints were built up in the most holy faith. Such love abounded among them. Twenty-five were added to the church and fifteen baptized in water.

Many say this is the most wonderful revival ever held at Dora. We are expecting it to continue until Jesus comes.

Praise God for all He has done here at this place. Everybody loves everybody and there is perfect unity among the saints. We shall never forget the shining faces, kind words and hospitable homes.

Mrs. Mary Howell,  
Birmingham, Ala.

**Bybee, Tenn.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

We are still in the battle here. God is giving us victory. Glory! Seventeen have received the Holy Ghost. Most of them were saved and sanctified in this meeting.

Twenty were baptized in water yesterday. How the Spirit was manifest! It was beautiful and glorious.

God has been manifesting His power in a way that many are convinced that this is the true way. The baptizing was very convincing. Many are under conviction and are seeking God.

We want to establish the church here. A lot for a building has been offered, also some have volunteered to help with the building.

Pray for us.  
Yours in His service,  
H. L. Trim and Wife.

**Palestine, Ark.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God for saving me from sin and sanctifying me two and one half years ago, and then baptizing me with the Holy Ghost last August. I am determined to go all the way with the Lord. Glory to His name!

I am not a member of the

Church of God but I know it is the only church I can find in the Bible.

There is no church here, but I pray that there will be before the year is gone. I hope some one will come here and hold a meeting this summer, that souls may be brought to Christ.

I covet the prayers of all the saints everywhere.

Your brother,  
J. N. Perry.

**Winston-Salem, N. C.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am glad to say I am converted and sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. The "old man" is put off and the "New Man", Christ Jesus has taken his place.

I was raised up in the Baptist Church but the Lord brought me into the way of holiness.

In the meeting here on May 14, three received the Holy Ghost and one was sanctified that night.

B. M. Mc Kinney.

**Burrville, Tenn.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I praise the Lord for victory in my soul. I praise Him for His mighty power.

We are here in Burrville where there are no members of the Church of God. Some are sanctified and some claim the baptism of the Holy Ghost without the tongues. They need teaching. Pray that God will send some one here to give out the Word.

We need some one to give out the Word in love. Love is what the world is needing. Today, God's people need to get where they can win the world by love. May God help us to be filled with love and wisdom.

Please pray for me that I may stay in the center of God's will.

Your sister in Christ,  
S. E. Blakely.

**Bloomington Springs, Tenn.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am glad to testify to being a child of God. The Lord has saved me from sin, sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost and I spoke in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance.

I am so glad I am in the way of holiness. I didn't start to turn back, but I mean to go all the way. I mean to hold to God's unchanging hand.

I enjoy reading the Evangel; it is food to my soul.

I desire the prayers of the saints that I may be a worker for the Lord and prove faithful till He comes.

Your brother,  
Carlton Vickers.

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**Red Bay, Ala.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to praise God for the great plan of salvation. Glory to God! I feel the Pentecostal fire burning in my soul.

I thank God for sending Brother Davis and Brother Price down here to tell us about the Church of God. They set the church in order with fifteen members. Others are to come in later. We are moving along nicely with great victory in our souls.

Your brother in Christ,  
Raymond Funderbuck.

**Notice.**

June 9, 1918, a meeting will begin at the falls on Stein-hatchee river, three miles south of Clara, Fla., and one mile east of Clara church. Our pastor, Brother I. H. Marks, will be in charge. Other workers are expected to be with us. For information write S. Jackson, Clara, Fla.

Mrs. Nelia Jackson, clerk.

**Coffeeville, Miss.**

Dear Evangel Family:

I am a sufferer with tuberculosis. Since January 28 I have fully trusted the Lord. At that time I was in the hospital. I decided to lay aside medicine and all earthly help and give myself entirely over to the Lord. I was so weak I could hardly walk.

I have been constantly asking the elders and the church to pray for me and I have been gradually getting better.

The Lord has spoken to my heart telling me to go and tell the lost world of God's power, of how they can be saved by believing and keeping His Word. I am now able to ride eight and ten miles through this hill country to my appointments. I started right out saying I was ready to go anywhere that the people wanted to hear the full gospel preached and I have more calls than I can fill. I have been preaching every Sunday and I'm determined to work in God's vineyard the remainder of my life.

The devil is mad about my promise to work for God and has afflicted me with rheumatism. I want to ask the dear brethren and sisters to pray for my deliverance and that the Lord will instruct me in His Word that I may rightly divide it.

Now, dear friends, please consider my condition and pray earnestly for me.

I praise God for the Holy Ghost. We are in a dark corner, but we hold to the Lord.

Your brother in Jesus,  
Will C. O'Leary.

**Mannville, Fla.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I have often desired to write my testimony as the Lord has done so much for me.

In the year 1911 He really saved and sanctified me, later He baptized me with the Holy Ghost and I know He abides now. Bless His name!

Today finds me still determined to press onward. I mean to follow Jesus all the way.

I am glad I can trust the Lord for soul and body. He is mine and I am His.

We are living in a place where there are no Holiness people. It is a wicked place. We would be glad if some minister would come here. We would take care of him and do the best we could for him. I believe there are some who would accept the truth if it were preached to them.

Yours in Christ,  
Nancy Davis.

**Report.**

Sister Deaver and others have just closed a meeting at Somerset, Ky., in which a number were saved and sanctified and three were added to the church.

J. M. Pence.

**Gone to Be With Jesus.**

Little Lois, eight-year-old daughter of Sister Osie Henderson was called home Jan. 11, 1918. She was a very bright child and had a love for God and His Word. To see her was to love her.

The writer was called to attend the funeral service and upon arriving at the cemetery we learned that Sister Herndon was to be buried at the same hour. 'Twas a touching scene. As we looked upon the deceased mother who had had the care of a home for forty-two years, and the little child, all seemed to realize that both young and old must go.

The bereaved ones have our sympathy in this hour of sorrow.

J. W. Culpepper.

**Lafayette, Ga.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God this morning for full salvation. I have been in the service of God for fifty years. He forgave my sins and later I heard the full gospel preached and accepted it.

I am now in my eightieth year. The Lord has been my strength, healer and Comforter. I am nearing the end I know, but glory! my soul is filled with the love and glory of God. Oh, praise His dear name!

The Lord has seen fit to take my dear companion, leaving me very lonely, but praise God, it will not be long until we shall meet Jesus. I am looking for Him to come or call.

I love to read the Evangel. It is food for my soul. I cannot do without it, it is such a help to me.

There is no Church of God near us and nobody believes in holiness except my two daughters and myself. We would be glad for some Spirit-filled minister to come here and conduct a meeting.

Pray for me.

Your sister in Christ.

Mrs. R. E. Hampton.

**Sebring, Fla.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to praise God for His goodness to me. I thank God for Jesus who picked me up out of sin, sanctified me and baptized me with the Holy Ghost and fire. Praise Him forever!

I praise Him for His healing power. About six months ago I was taken very ill with measles. I knew the Lord could heal so I began calling upon Him. I was so sick I felt that I could not stand it much longer. I was not excited nor anything of the kind, but I made up my mind to send for the saints to come and pray for me. They came, prayed, and I got better.

But the next day the enemy made another attack upon me. The fever was so high I could hardly stay in bed. I called for prayer again. I felt that death was very near. But I was not afraid. Glory to God! I remembered that Jesus promised to go with us through the valley of the shadow of death. I was willing to go if He wanted me to or willing to live if that were His will. Really, I felt a little home-sick to be with Jesus. I thought of the angels, of the heavenly mansion and my blessed Redeemer. Then I felt the mighty quickening power of God and I am well today. Praise God!

My two babies were also sick with measles and the Lord healed them by His mighty power. We didn't take any medicine nor rub any on. Oh, 'tis so sweet to trust in Jesus!

As I look out in the future and see the trials and temptations as they approach, I feel the need of nestling closer to Jesus.

I request the prayers of all for the work at this place.

Awaiting His coming,  
Carrie Durrance.

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